

The Office of Insular Affairs provides this information as a courtesy to the Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) to help promote visibility and information especially to the Pacific Islander communities that we serve. For further information, please contact the APIASF (<http://apiasf.org/>). Established in 2003, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) is the primary national organization that promotes the pursuit of higher education of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans by distributing scholarships to qualified first-year undergraduate college, university, and vocational school students.



## **CALL FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION READERS**

**Read process begins February 5, 2007**

The Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIASF) seeks volunteer Scholarship Application Readers to evaluate scholarship applications submitted for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Each Scholarship Application Reader will be asked to review applications from approximately fifty applicants, at a minimum. Readers will have the opportunity to carry out their task from locations of their choosing via the internet, as they will be given a password to review and comment upon applications from a secure website provided by APIASF. The entire review process will be completed at the Scholarship Application Readers' own pace.

The Scholarship Review Process will take place between February 5 and March 16, 2007. All Readers will be required to participate in a teleconference training in order to ensure that they share an understanding of basic information related to education in the Asian and Pacific Islander American communities, APIASF's scholarship process and goals and review of the common set of the scoring criteria set up for the scholarship applications. Applicants that have been a Reader for APIASF in the past will be exempt from the training orientation and will need to complete only portion one of the Reader application.

All Scholarship Application Readers should have the following qualifications:

- Knowledge of, and experience with, Asian and/or Pacific Islander American communities, especially high school students.
- Knowledge of, and personal experience in, education (higher education or knowledge in the areas of teaching, admissions, financial aid, counseling, outreach, etc. is preferred but not required)
- Undergraduate college diploma required

In addition to completing the Scholarship Reader Application we ask that all applicants take a look at the APIASF 2007-2008 Scholarship Application. Those who have reviewed scholarship applications in the past, graduate students in education, educators, educational administrators, and community leaders are especially encouraged to apply.

On-site Read locations may be added in specific cities around the United States. APIASF will notify readers of any locations at which Reads are scheduled. APIASF works with all volunteers to complete the Scholarship Review Process. We hope that each Reader will find the experience enjoyable and rewarding, and APIASF staff and past Readers will be available to answer questions or concerns.

### **ABOUT APIASF**

APIASF is the only national organization promoting higher education of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans by distributing scholarships for qualified students going to college. The mission of APIASF is to forge partnerships building a national Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship organization that supports and encourages all Asian and Pacific Islander American students to pursue higher education, thereby developing future leaders who will contribute back to their communities, and ultimately, strengthening America. Our vision is to see that all Asian and Pacific Islander Americans who wish to pursue higher education have that opportunity, regardless of their ethnicity, national origin or financial means.

For more information please visit [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org).